Document No. 3128 Adopted at Meeting of 6/12/75 RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE MINOR MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to the Zoning Map Amendment is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant to Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended as follows:

- 1. That Map No. 4, "Zoning Map" is hereby modified by changing the designation of the block bounded by Savoy, Perry, Washington Streets and Harrison Avenue from H-3 to M-2;
- 2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
- 3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
- 4. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
- 5. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated June 3, 1970.
- 6. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to petition the Zoning Commission for a map amendment which would change land now zoned H-3 in the South End Urban Renewal Area to M-2.



Tabled: May 29, 1975 Resubmitted: June 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT:

SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

SUMMARY:

This memorandum requests that the Authority (1) adopt a minor modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to the Zoning Map; (2) authorize the Director to proclaim by certificate this minor modification; and (3) authorize the Director to petition the Zoning Commission for a map amendment.

On June 6, 1974, the Authority voted to petition the Zoning Commission to implement the South End rezoning plan by creating theee H-3 districts and one B-4 district in accordance with the South End Urban Renewal Plan. This petition was subsequently enacted by the Zoning Commission in October, 1974.

The original designation for the H-3 areas in the South End Urban Renewal Area was intended to strengthen existing housing areas and provide controls for proposed housing areas. However, the effect of this change on the South End light industrial block bounded by Washington Street, Perry Street, Savoy Street, and Harrison Avenue has been deleterious. This block contains no housing and there are no plans for the development of housing in this location.

It is therefore advisable that this area should be changed from H-3 to M-2.

The proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.